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Writing

Level 2 - Ep3



A.

Skill Presentation

A simple sentence has a **subject** and a **verb**, and it expresses a complete idea.

- Food **helps** you.

Some simple sentences have two verbs.
The verbs in this case, express two actions done by the same subject.

If you have one subject and a verb, and then you have one more subject and a verb.
That you can call a compound sentence.

If you have one **subject** and two **verbs**, that's a simple sentence with two verbs.

- Mark **sings** and **plays** the piano.



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Skill Presentation

In a simple sentence with two verbs, you can join the two verbs with a conjunction.

Some common conjunctions are and, or.

- He eats dinner and drinks coffee late at night.



- Are they sleeping or watching TV?



If both verbs are negative, use the words do not only once. Also, in this case, it's better to use the conjunction (or) not (and).

We can say:

- They don't buy or cook healthy food.

Instead of:

- They don't buy and don't cook healthy food. X



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A.

Sum up

1. If there are two verbs in a sentence and they both express an action done by the same subject, we still call that a simple sentence.
2. In simple sentences with more than one verb, we can connect the verbs using a conjunction like and or or.
3. If both verbs in the sentence are negative, use the words do not only once. Don't repeat the negative.



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B.

Over to You

1. Read each sentence in the chart. Decide if it has one or two verbs sentence. Check (✓) the box in the correct column.

	One Verb	Two Verbs
1. Carrots keep eyes healthy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Blueberries are good for the skin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Healthy oils help the skin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Water cleans the skin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Some food is bad for the skin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Most people need about eight hours of sleep.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Julia does not sleep or eat well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. She drinks coffee and eats dinner late at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Steven sleeps well at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. He does not drink or eat anything after 7:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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B.

Over to You

2. Read the paragraph. How many verbs are there?
Circle them and check (✓) the correct answer.

Some drinks benefit your body. Milk builds strong bones and helps your teeth. Green tea prevents some diseases and helps your heart. Water is very good for your body. It cleans the skin. Some drinks are bad for you. Cola does not help your body or benefit your skin.

- a. There are seven verbs.
- b. There are nine verbs.
- c. There are ten verbs.

3. Check!

1. A simple sentence can have _____ verbs. The verbs express two actions by the same subject.
2. You can join the _____ with and or or.
3. When the two verbs are _____, write do not, does not, or did not only _____. Use the conjunction _____.



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C.

Practice

1. Make sentences. Write the words in the correct order.
Don't forget to add a period.

1. eats - Linda - healthy food - and drinks

2. or play sports - do not exercise - I

3. to work - and walks - takes a bus - Evan

4. after 8:00 p.m. - does not eat - Joanna - or drink

5. exercise a lot - we - and eat well

6. Ms. Lee - yoga - and studies - teaches

7. help the skin - healthy oils - and add weight

8. tai chi - Sheila - and does - plays basketball



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C.

Practice

2. Read each sentence in the chart. Write the verbs and the conjunction in the boxes in the correct columns.

	Verbs	Conjunction
1. Felix loves coffee and drinks it every day.		
2. Danila does not eat meat or drink soda.		
3. They bought tea and gave me some.		
4. It is important to include a lot of water in your diet, and doctors recommend six glasses a day.		
5. Food can affect your health and how you learn.		
6. We do not eat or buy take-out food.		
7. Pam does not cook fish or eat it.		
8. Milk builds strong bones and helps your teeth.		
9. My father does not sleep well or eat properly.		
10. Connie does not drink or eat anything on Thursday.		



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The Answer

B. Over to You

1-

1. one verb
2. one verb
3. one verb
4. one verb
5. one verb
6. one verb
7. two verbs
8. two verbs
9. one verb
10. two verbs

2-

Some drinks benefit your body. Milk builds strong bones and helps your teeth. Green tea prevents some diseases and helps your heart. Water is very good for your body. It cleans the skin. Some drinks are bad for you. Cola does not help your body or benefit your skin.

3-

1. two
2. verbs
3. negative, once, or

C. Practice

1-

1. Linda eats and drinks healthy food.
2. I do not exercise or play sports.
3. Evan takes a bus and walks to work.
4. Joanna does not eat or drink after 8:00 p.m.
5. We exercise a lot and eat well.
6. Ms. Lee teaches and studies yoga.
7. Healthy oils help the skin and add weight.
8. Sheila plays basketball and does tai chi.

2-

Verbs

1. loves, drinks
2. (does not) eat, drink
3. bought, gave
4. (is to) include, recommend
5. affect, learn
6. (do not) eat, buy
7. (does not) cook, eat
8. build, helps
9. (does not) sleep, eat
10. (does not) drink, eat

Conjunction

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